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Sen. Musto, Rep. Tercyak and Members of the Committee on Human Services

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, Inc., we offer our enthusiastic support of H.B. 6218: An Act Establishing a Task Force On Safety Net Services.

CASBHC is an advocacy and networking organization committed to increasing access to quality health care for all children and adolescents in Connecticut schools. As the official voice of the 78 school based health centers located in 18 communities across the state, over 40,000 children are served regardless of whether or not they have health insurance. In this sense, School Based Health Centers are the ultimate safety net provider for children. With written parental permission, all children have full access to the physical, behavioral, and oral health services provided at the school based health centers. In addition, health center staff are often challenged to assist uninsured children and their families in locating additional resources such as specialty referrals, laboratory or radiology services, and necessary medications.

Given the twenty five years of experience with this population, the Association is very interested in this bill and respectfully requests representation on the Task Force.

For the Association,

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